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Applicant: Kristi D. Snell

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For: *"MULTI-GENE EXPRESSION CONSTRUCTS CONTAINING MODIFIED
INTEINS"*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002 please consider the following remarks.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Remarks

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, the claims were divided into three groups, Group I, claims 1-3, 6-11, 15-17, and 20-25, drawn to a DNA construct for microbial cells and a method for using the construct to express multiple genes in cells; Group II, claims 1-2, 4, 6-16, 18, and 20-28, drawn to a DNA construct for plant cells and a method for using the construct to